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To: Advanced Placement Instructors

From: Russ Ziegler, Assistant Director, Office of Academic Support  
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Date: March 11, 2016

Re: 2016 Advanced Placement Exam Fees

On March 7, 2016, the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) announced a program to waive some or all Advanced Placement testing fees for English, mathematics, science, and computer science exams. The press release can be found at [www.nd.gov/dpi/uploads/93/PressReleaseAdvancedPlacementExamFeesPrintMarch72016.pdf](http://www.nd.gov/dpi/uploads/93/PressReleaseAdvancedPlacementExamFeesPrintMarch72016.pdf).

Specifically, funds will be used to support the following:

<p>Economically Disadvantaged Students taking AP exams in English, mathematics, science, and computer science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The State will cover the entire exam fee for up to four (4) qualifying exams over the student's high school career</li></ul>	<p>All Other Students taking AP exams in English, mathematics, science, and computer science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The State will cover the full exam fee for the student's first qualifying exam</li><li>The State will cover 50% of the exam fee for the following three (3) qualifying exams over the student's high school career</li></ul>
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The NDDPI is aware schools are in the process of gathering student information for those wanting to participate in the AP exam, and some schools elect to collect exam payments during this time. It will be essential for schools to track student registrations, because this will help determine which costs will be covered by the state, and which costs will be the responsibility of the students/parents. The NDDPI is working with CollegeBoard to determine invoicing practices.

Individuals wishing to learn more about this process are welcome to join the CollegeBoard and the NDDPI for a webinar on April 8, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. central time. Information in regard to accessing the webinar will be shared in late March. This webinar will also be recorded and shared on the department's website.

Should you have further questions regarding the AP exams, please feel free to contact Russ Ziegler at [rpiegler@nd.gov](mailto:rpiegler@nd.gov) or (701) 328-2629, or Ann Ellefson at [aellefson@nd.gov](mailto:aellefson@nd.gov) or (701) 328-2488.